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In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A microencapsulated and enteric coated composition comprising:
- (a) a mixture of sorbents with specific adsorption affinities for uremic toxins wherein the sorbents possess a gut clearance rate for urea of at least 5.6 ml/minute; and
 - (b) a bacterial source which metabolizes urea and ammonia.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended pursuant to a Telephone Interview with the Examiner on November 15, 2001. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants are amending claim 1 to include the word sorbents in line 1 of step (a). The term was intended to be included as shown in the "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" of the Amendment filed on September 4, 2001. However, a typographical error led to the term being inadvertently excluded from the September 4, 2001 amendment. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Favorable reconsideration and subsequent allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.